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CONFIRMATION NO. 2081

Applicants : Tsuguhiro KORENAGA , et al.

Serial No. : 09/609,250 Art Unit : 1732

Filed : June 30, 2000 Examiner : Mathieu D. VARGOT

For : Micro-Shape Transcription Method, Micro-Shape Transcription Apparatus,
and Optical-Component Manufacture Method

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir :

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 17, 2004. A response
is due by December 17, 2004.

The Action alleged that, subsequent to the claim revisions in Applicants'
Amendment of August 23, 2004, the subject application now is directed to four
patentably distinct inventions. Restriction was required from among the following:

Invention I of claims 1, 2, 5-8, 14 and 22, drawn to a micro-shape
transcription method;

Invention II of claims 10, 11 and 23-29, drawn to an optical component
manufacturing method;

Invention III of claims 9 and 19-21, drawn to a micro-shape
transcription apparatus; and

Invention IV of claims 30 and 31, drawn to a method to control
operating parameters of a micro-shape transcription press.

Applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 1, 2, 5-8, 14 and 22 for further examination in this application. This election is made without traverse. Applicants advise that no change to the inventorship of the application is required by the election of the claims of Group I.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional application(s) for the non-elected claims in due course.

Further examination on the merits and early action in that regard earnestly is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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